

April 1861

USS United States (in mothballs at Norfolk Navy Yard) was captured by rebel troops. Confederates ~~upgraded~~ ^{renamed} the frigate & commissioned her as CSS United States

May 1862 CSS United States is sunk in the Elizabeth River to obstruct Union vessels.

April 12, 1861

Southern troops fired on Fort Sumter, a U.S. fort in the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina. The men holding the fort had to surrender. A few days later Pres. Abe Lincoln called for 75,000 soldiers. More southern states left the union.

By end of April, 1861, eleven states had broken away from the U.S.

1861

Robert E. Lee was recalled from Texas in 1861

Francis Blair, a Washington editor and a good friend of Pres. Lincoln wanted Lee to visit him.

Lee called on Blair Apr. 18, 1861.

Blair said "Colonel Lee," he said "you know that Fort Sumter has been attacked. Pres. Lincoln is raising an army to put down the rebellion. Will you

take command of this Army?"

He said that he didn't believe that the southern states should leave the Union, but he could not take part in invasion of the South.

When he learned that Virginia had seceded, he wrote a letter of resignation from the U.S. Army.

In a little while he was asked to become a Confederate General

1861-65

USS Constitution still at Annapolis at the outbreak of the Civil War, is threatened with destruction by pro-Confederate militias in Maryland. She is transferred to Newport, RI, with the faculty, staff, and students of the Naval Academy where she remains for the duration of the war, serving as a dormitory and classroom for 200 midshipmen.

1864, 2, 3, 4

Clara Barton tried to get permission to take her supplies right to the battlefield. The government said no, but she went there down all through the War. Clara Barton nursed the wounded right on the battlefield. Clara always brought a wagon filled with bandages, food, and other supplies. Clara was almost

killed several times during the war